

January 11

Ecclesiasticus 3:26

“**Danger-Lover**”



**A stubborn heart shall fare evil
at the last, and he that loveth
danger shall perish therein.**

Stubbornness, a propensity for danger, and death (physical or spiritual) seem to go hand-in-hand.

This verse speaks of a connection between stubbornness and a craving for hazardous or risky situations. It warns that both conditions, an inflexible, rebellious mindset and a passion for danger, yield the same consequence—a bad ending “at the last”.

It’s good advice for one to be self-checked concerning any possible, surface or

deeply-embedded, resistance
to doing what is right, which
is stubbornness.

Being stubborn
is similar to loving danger.
When a person is stubborn,
it's as if he or she is “asking
for it”—inviting trouble.

**The point is that
stubbornness
is dangerous.**

However, stubbornness is not the
same as being committed to a good
cause or being determined to do
something that is right (by God's
standards). Contrarily,
stubbornness is a
mule-like, fight to do
just the opposite of what is
right. It's the digging in of
the heels on a position or

stance that is usually rooted
in selfishness and/or foolishness.

When
people are
willful they
are,
essentially,
lovers of
danger
which, in
one way or
another,



will lead to some form of death such as
the *death* of a good relationship,
the *death* of a good career,
the *death* of advancement
opportunities and,
of course, plain old
no-more-breath
death, meaning to perish.

While this may be related to
the so-called dare-devils who
want to show off how many
parked cars they can clear

in their motorcycles or
those who think they can
befriend violently deadly land
or water creatures such as
lions or sharks, this may be
a deeper level of
understanding of this
part of Scripture.

The human heart can be stubborn
by nature. Unless we personally
and genuinely submit to the
guidance of the Holy Spirit, any
of us, at any time, can be found
displaying the characteristics of a
danger-loving “stubborn heart”.
Anyone, in everyday situations,
can exhibit just how much
of a danger-lover they really
are, through ungodly words,
attitudes, decisions, and actions.

Rejecting the gift of salvation,
for example, could be thought
of as a danger-loving way of life.
Scriptures tell us that such

stubbornness, such
danger-lover type decision
will lead to eternal death.
So, in all possible ways of
understanding this passage,
let's not aspire to be a
danger-lover.